

Listing of Claims:

1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A tensioning apparatus for use with a door system having a door frame enclosing a door opening, a door movably mounted on a track assembly attached to the door frame, and a counterbalance system supported on brackets attached to the door frame, the tensioning apparatus comprising, a tool adapter adapted to be positioned at and engage an axial end of the counterbalance system, a detachable winding assembly including a housing and a coupler adapted to selectively engage and selectively rotate said tool adapter, a circumferentially continuous first gear of said coupler having a fixed hub rotatably coupling said detachable winding assembly ~~to~~ and said tool adapter, a second gear of said coupler directly engaging said first gear and accessible for having rotation imparted from exteriorly of said housing, a first stop surface on said housing adapted to engage the door frame to prevent rotation of said housing during tensioning of the counterbalance system, wherein said first stop surface is adapted to operate independent of the brackets to prevent rotation of said housing during tensioning of the counterbalance system.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The tensioning apparatus of claim 25, said winding assembly including a second stop surface positioned on an opposed side of said housing from said first stop surface and adapted to allow said winding assembly to selectively engage and selectively rotate said tool adapter at an opposite end of the counterbalance system.

28. (Previously Presented) The tensioning apparatus of claim 27, wherein said coupler is positioned between said first and said second stop surfaces.

29. (Previously Presented) The tensioning apparatus of claim 27, wherein said first stop surface is disposed at an angle relative to said second stop surface.
30. (Previously Presented) The tensioning apparatus of claim 29, wherein said second gear includes a driver-engaging boss extending outwardly from said housing along an axis, and wherein at least one of said stop surfaces is adapted to engage the door frame such that said axis of said driver-engaging boss extends at a non-perpendicular orientation from the door frame.